# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall Post 3507, Britton, South Dakota, was founded on June 3, 1945, with 53 members; and,

***Whereas***, The Britton Ladies Auxiliary membership today includes 52 paid members of which 15 are still active, and two of those active members, Grace Siers and Hazel Hanon, are charter members having served the VFW Auxiliary for 60 years; and,

***Whereas,*** The Ladies Auxiliary serves the community of Britton and the surrounding area by annually donating funds to the Fargo VA Hospital, South Dakota Developmental Center-Redfield, Children's Care Center-Sioux Falls, Britton Food Pantry, Cancer Relay for Life, Shriners, Special Olympics, Operation Uplink, and a number of national charitable organizations; and,

***Whereas***, Annually, the Ladies Auxiliary sponsors the Veteran's Day Celebration, Poppy Day, Americanism Citizenship, Voice of Democracy and Sister Day events; and,

***Whereas***, More recent community projects the ladies have been involved in include: collecting and sending care packages of toys and toothbrushes to Iraqi children and writing or e-mailing the troops in Iraq; and,

***Whereas***, Major fundraising activities include: selling poppies and poppy decorations, publishing a recipe book to honor past and present military members, and working at the Thanksgiving Turkey Night sponsored by Post 3507; and,

***Whereas***, The Britton Ladies Auxiliary will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on June 26, 2005, with a meal to be served to all members and guests at 12:30 p.m. and an open house for the public at 2:00 p.m.:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2005, as

## *BRITTON LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State